

Location: Rockport Town Hall Annex

Present: Larry Neal/Chairman, Alan MacMillan, MaryAnn Lash, David McKinnon, Associate Member Bailey Coates/Student Member, Marianne Peters/ Secretary, Geralyn Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five-member volunteer board. Three voting members are present.

Absent: Rob Claypool, Charlie Allen, Mel Michaels/Associate Member, Andrea Nichols/Secretary

Stewardship:

Beavers at Loop Pond – Mr. McKinnon discusses best beaver management; suggests Beaver Solutions, Inc. (Mike Callahan) come assess pond (this will cost town money); recommends assisting DPW with exclusion fence and flow device installation; will obtain written quote from Mr. Callahan and confer with DPW.

Chairman Neal reports on RCC's South Street property; has seen residents using park; DPW to improve conditions this spring.

Minutes:

03/18/15: Mr. MacMillan moves to approve minutes as written; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 3:0.

New Hearings

NOI 62-070?, Stephanie & John Connaughton, 3 & 5 Old Garden Road (Map 22/Lots 151 & 152). *Construct addition to house and improve grounds within 100' of coastal bank, coastal beach & rocky intertidal shore.* Scott Cameron (The Morin-Cameron Group, Inc.) is present for applicant and makes presentation; most of work to take place on #5; seawall is coastal bank (3 & 5); areas on #5 without building is mostly lawn; propose repair on seawall with new capstone (3 & 5, extending onto town land) and drainage (5), new landscaping (3 & 5), remove one driveway and concrete walkways (5), house addition (5), new patio around house with pool/spa (5), irrigation well (5), new stone wall at street (3 & 5); discusses in detail mitigation for work within 25' No-Disturb and 50' No-Build Zones with native plantings throughout yard. RCC concerns are: no DEP number; stone wall along street; no disturbance to nearby public easement; height of seawall (25.4'); asks applicant to explain table 1; irrigation well; flood zone on property; requests alternatives to filling and solid structures in flood zone. *Susan Morris, 10 Babcock Road* – asks about wall height across both properties at street; asks why RCC would allow pool & addition within 25' No-Disturb Zone; asks why home is more than 25% of lot; shows pictures of her ice-coated house (across street) from waves during winter storm. *Richard Morris, 10 Babcock Road* – asks about proposed tree; will it block view. *Eric Hutchins, 45 Poole's Lane* - asks if properties are being combined. Site visit is scheduled for April 11, 2015. With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until April 15, 2015 pending site visit and DEP number. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Continued Hearings

NOI 62-0706, Five Gully Point Nominee Trust (Samuel Smart, Trustee), 5 Gully Point Road (Map26/Lot 71). *Construct a deck within 100' of a coastal bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.* Nobody is present for applicant; applicant has submitted revised plan and RCC discusses it; RCC concerns: poison ivy is not invasive species and steps added with no discussion. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 3:0. **Hearing is continued. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

NOI 62-0706, Charles Tarbell, 24 Old County Road (Map 21/Lot 60D). *Renovate existing pier foundation and add 2nd story addition to cottage on a barrier beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.* Applicant requests continuation of public hearing until April 15, 2015 pending revised site plan and DEP number. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Other Business

- Millbrook Meadow Restoration Committee – Sam Coulbourn, Barbara Sparks, Ted Tarr, Eric Hutchins and Laura Hallowell are present to discuss Master Plan for restoration at Millbrook Meadow (commencing spring 2016); includes: dredging of Mill Pond (sediment to be trucked offsite), rebuilding waterway (brook), cutting down willows, widening brook, no work within culvert under Beach Street but reconstructing headwall there, and dredging/replanting Frog Pond. RCC: suggests sediment traps at inlet of pond; will be many issues for discussion during permit process; will need alternatives analysis; suggest replacing willows with sycamore trees. *Eric Hutchins 45 Poole's Lane* - states that project will require State 401 Water Quality Certification, Chapter 91 dredging, Section 404 Army Corps of Engineers permit, and MEPA review (possibly ENF). *Laura Hallowell, 37 High Street* - says Millbrook Meadow will submit invasive plant species removal under separate NOI soon; hope invasive species under control before other restoration work begins; will include stabilization plan.
- Other Business/Announcements: Chairman Neal moves to add following discussion items to agenda, Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.
 - Kiosk @Delamater & Waring Field – Cape Ann Trails has offered kiosk for Rockport open space lands; concern is where to put one; will it need building permit (Agent Falco to ask Building Inspector).
 - Boy Scout project at top of Summit Avenue- Agent Falco went to Summit Avenue and found likely jurisdictional areas; RCC suggests working at top of Landmark Lane.

Chairman Neal moves to adjourn meeting; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 3:0.

8:55 PM

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